



MULTIPLE-PET PLACEMENT

Sometimes, despite the difficulty in the decision, we realize there may be a need for pet owners to place multiple animals in new homes. The best chance of success involves multiple strategies: reaching out to several area shelters, rescue groups, and acting as your pets' best resource by looking for homes for the animals with individuals.



- The first thing an owner should do is work on placing the animals directly into new homes. Get the word out, in as many places as possible, to increase the chances of success in finding a new home. Use community contacts. Tell people to mention the animals in their church's newsletter, ask your veterinarian, and send out emails at work and in your personal network.
- Advertise widely. In the ads, describe the pet's personality, habits, and some of the little things that make these animals special. Do not hold back when it comes to telling about any disabilities, health issues, or behavior quirks. Sometimes these are the things that particularly speak to an individual.
- Photos and descriptions really help people make a connection to an animal. To increase the chances of successful new placement of multiple animals, it is important that the pets are:
 - Spayed or neutered
 - In good health
 - Clean and groomed
 - Reasonably well behaved, especially housebroken
- You may want to request the assistance of volunteers (from friends and family) to gather some of the vital information on the animals who need placement. Information such as your situation, their relationship to the animals, the animals' relationship with each other, and specific information on each animal are very important.
- List the details on each animal, including the name, species, breed/description, age, gender, general health, special medical or behavioral needs, and temperament. The information on temperament should describe how they get along with others of their own species, strangers, adults and children.
- If any pictures of the animals, their living situation, or small group photos are available, they will also be helpful to know more about the animals and help find them new homes.
- Flyers are inexpensive and often highly effective, especially when they include a good photo and good description of the animal. They work especially well for older animals or animals with special needs.
- Posting information about pets on adoption web sites is another effective way to find a new home. There are specific sites for certain types.
- Word of mouth should not be underestimated! Tell anyone and everyone about the pet that needs a home and to ask others to help with spreading the word. It could be that a co-worker's father's neighbor's daughter is looking for a new pet.
- Get the pets out there! The more their pets interact with people, the more likely they'll charm the right person.

***For more useful info on re-homing a pet, please see our section titled "Finding a New Home**